

United States District Court  
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

Michael Lewis JOHNSON

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

Case Number:

MJ-11-141 Jsm

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about April 5, 2011, in Ramsey County, in the State and District of Minnesota, the defendant did, by force, violence and intimidation, knowingly and intentionally take from the person and presence of a victim teller approximately \$4,255 which money belonged to and was in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of the Wells Fargo Bank, located at 2145 Ford Parkway, in St. Paul, Minnesota, a bank whose deposits were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113 (a).

I further state that I am a Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

Date

The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name &amp; Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Complainant

Mark Fredkove  
FBI Special Agent

at

Minneapolis, MN

City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

SS. AFFIDAVIT OF MARK R. FREDKOVE

I, Mark R. Fredkove, being first duly sworn and under oath, states the following is true to the best of my recollection:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been an FBI Agent for approximately 6 ½ years. I am currently assigned to a squad which investigates violent crimes, including bank robberies.

2. I make this Affidavit based on my personal knowledge and upon information provided to me by other law enforcement officials who have been involved in the investigation of the bank robbery of Wells Fargo Bank at 2145 Ford Parkway, St. Paul on 04/05/2011 as well as the arrest of MICHAEL LEWIS JOHNSON. This Affidavit does not contain all facts known to me regarding these matters, but only those sufficient to support a finding of probable cause.

3. On 04/05/2011, the Wells Fargo Bank located at 2145 Ford Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota was robbed. The customer deposits at Wells Fargo Bank are federally insured by the FDIC.

4. At approximately 4:00 p.m., a lone male walked into the bank and stood next to a kiosk where customers fill out bank forms and deposit slips. After speaking on a cellular phone for about 10-15 minutes, the male approached the teller, handed her a handwritten note, and told her "we've got a problem here." The note was written on a bank ATM deposit envelope and stated in part, "you're being robbed" and to put the money on the counter. The robber also told the teller to not make any noise or say anything.

5. The teller complied with the demands and turned over \$4,255 in U.S. currency to the robber. The robber told the teller "okay, that is enough" and asked if there were any dye packs or markers with the money. The robber then flipped through the stacks of money, opened a plastic Target shopping bag and filled it with the money. The robber then left the bank.

6. Through witness accounts and review of bank surveillance video, it was determined that the robber was likely a white male wearing a dark colored track jacket and pants, a dark colored baseball hat, and big sunglasses.

7. Law enforcement officers responded to the robbery shortly thereafter. Officers reviewed security video from the

Wells Fargo Bank and the Lifetime Fitness, which was located in the same building as the bank. It was determined that the robber was present on video for both businesses. A Lifetime Fitness employee recognized the robber on the security video as a gym member by the name of MICHAEL JOHNSON. The employee advised that JOHNSON's membership had been terminated on 03/31/2011 due to financial hardship. JOHNSON's membership information listed his address as 3433 Snelling Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

8. Based on this information, law enforcement officers were able to identify the robber as MICHAEL LEWIS JOHNSON, date of birth 05/31/1956, of 3433 Snelling Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and being the registered owner of a 1997 Red GMC Jimmy bearing Minnesota license NCH221.

9. Later on 04/05/2011, law enforcement officers determined JOHNSON was in the upper unit of 3433 Snelling Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. St. Paul Police Department then obtained a Hennepin County search warrant for the residence and his vehicle.

10. On 04/06/2011 at approximately 12:30 a.m., the search warrant was executed on JOHNSON's residence. JOHNSON was present at the time and was placed under arrest for robbery by the St. Paul Police Department. An FBI Agent was present at the residence and interviewed JOHNSON. During the interview, JOHNSON admitted that he had robbed the Wells Fargo Bank by giving the teller a handwritten note stating in part, "you're being robbed." JOHNSON stated he then placed the money into a plastic Target bag, left the bank, and departed the area in his vehicle. JOHNSON stated he then returned home and hid the money in a cut out ceiling tile in the corner of the basement. JOHNSON also stated where the clothing he was wearing during the robbery was located in the residence. Law enforcement officers recovered the money in a white plastic Target bag from the basement and the clothing JOHNSON wore during the robbery.

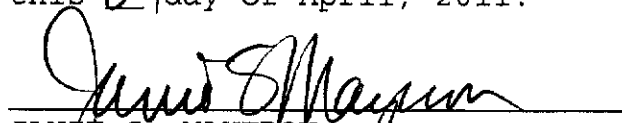
Further your Affiant sayeth not.



MARK R. FREDKOVE, Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me

this 24 day of April, 2011.



JANIE S. MAYERON  
United States Magistrate Judge